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SUBJECT: JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP ACT: PRESS GUIDANCE  
AND TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT'S USE IN  
RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS. WHITE HOUSE  
RELEASE ON SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP ACT ALSO TRANSMITTED  
BELOW FOR POST'S USE. FINAL TEXT OF FRIENDSHIP ACT AND  
CONFERENCE REPORT SENT TO MCDONALD FROM BALL TEN DAYS AGO.  
ADVISE IF NOT RECEIVED.

PRESS GUIDANCE Q'S AND A'S FOLLOWS:

1. Q - WE UNDERSTAND THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED THE JAPAN-  
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UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP ACT. WAS THERE A STATEMENT?

A. THE PRESIDENT DID SIGN THE ACT. THERE IS A STATEMENT. THE SIGNING OF THE FRIENDSHIP ACT IS THE CULMINATION OF EFFORTS BY THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO CREATE A FUND FOR EXPANDED CULTURAL ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. THE ACT ESTABLISHES A FUND TO SUPPORT THESE ACTIVITIES OUT OF MONIES THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS PAID OR IS PAYING TO THE UNITED STATES. THE FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY A

JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION, CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. PANEL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES-JAPAN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION, PLUS THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS AND THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE HUMANITIES. TWO MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE CONGRESS WILL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

THE ACT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR JACOB JAVITS OF NEW YORK, WITH NUMEROUS CO-SPONSORS. IN THE HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE HAYS OF OHIO WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR. THE ACT, TOGETHER WITH THE CONFERENCE REPORT, WAS PRINTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF OCTOBER 2, PAGE H 9480.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT THIS NEW FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IT WILL CERTAINLY FURTHER BOTH COUNTRY'S OBJECTIVE OF DEEPENING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH EXPANDED CULTURAL ACTIVITY HERE AND IN JAPAN.

2. Q - HOW MUCH MONEY IS INVOLVED?

A. THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ACT AUTHORIZES THE APPROPRIATION OF REMAINING GARIOA (GOVERNMENT AND ASSISTANCE IN OCCUPIED AREAS) FUNDS SET ASIDE BY A 1962 AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN FOR CULTURAL PURPOSES. WE ESTIMATE THAT THESE FUNDS NOW TOTAL ABOUT 12 MILLION DOLLARS IN YEN, IN TREASURY ACCOUNTS IN JAPAN. THE ACT ALSO SETS ASIDE THE EQUIVALENT OF 7.5 PERCENT OF THE DOLS 320 UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLION THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS PAYING THE UNITED STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT. THIS AMOUNTS TO A TOTAL OF 24 MILLION DOLLARS. THE FUNDS OF COURSE MUST BE APPROPRIATED BY THE CONGRESS BEFORE THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE UNDER THIS ACT.

3. Q- HAVE YOU A LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF COMMISSION?

A. I HAVE A LIST OF THE AMERICAN PANEL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION. JOHN HALL OF YALE IS THE CHAIRMAN, AND HE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION TOO.

4. Q - HAVE THE JAPANESE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THIS ACT?

A. YES.

5. Q - CAN YOU TELL US WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS COULD BE SUPPORTED UNDER THE ACT? WILL THIS MONEY BE SPEND MOSTLY IN THE U.S. OR IN JAPAN?

A. I URGE YOU TO READ THE ACT - A COPY OF WHICH I HAVE HERE. I ASSUME THE COMMISSION WILL DECIDE HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED; BUT CERTAINLY IT IS TO SUPPORT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HERE AND IN JAPAN.

FOLLOWING NOTICE TO THE PRESS AND STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN WASHINGTON:

OCTOBER 21, 1975

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED S. 824--JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP ACT--WHICH WILL ESTABLISH A JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP TRUST FUND AND A JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND CARRY OUT PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE SCHOLARLY, CULTURAL, AND ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

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THE BILL WILL ESTABLISH AN INCOME-EARNING TRUST FUND IN THE TREASURY CALLED THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP TRUST FUND. AMOUNTS IN THE FUND WILL BE USED TO ASSIST A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE BILL'S PURPOSE INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR: (1) STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN JAPANESE AND U.S. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; (2) MAJOR BOOK COLLECTIONS IN JAPANESE AND U.S. LIBRARIES; (3) PROGRAMS IN THE ARTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH JAPANESE AND U.S. INSTITUTIONS; (4) GRADUATE AND FACULTY-LEVEL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES; AND (5) VISITING PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS IN JAPANESE AND U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

S. 824 WILL AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND FOR FISCAL

YEAR 1976 OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 36 MILLION. THIS TOTAL CONSISTS OF AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO 7.5 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS PAYABLE BY JAPAN TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1971 OKINAWA REVERSION AGREEMENT (DOLS 24 MILLION) AND APPROXIMATELY DOLS 12 MILLION OF JAPANESE CURRENCY REMAINING IN CERTAIN U.S. ACCOUNTS IN JAPAN (G.A-R.I.O.A.) EARMARKED FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. THE FUND CAN ALSO ACCEPT GIFTS AND DONATIONS. THE BILL WILL PROVIDE FOR INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE FUND BY

TREASURY WITH PROCEEDS OF THE INVESTMENTS ACCRUING TO THE FUND. (END OF NOTICE TO THE PRESS)

THE WHITE HOUSE

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

ALMOST A YEAR AGO, I HAD THE GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE TO BE THE FIRST AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN OFFICE TO VISIT JAPAN. MY TRIP CONVINCED ME MORE THAN EVER THAT WE AMERICANS CAN LEARN MUCH FROM JAPAN'S CULTURE WHICH WILL ENRICH THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES.

ONE WEEK AGO THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF JAPAN COMPLETED A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FIRST SUCH VISIT IN HISTORY.

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THIS EXCHANGE OF STATE VISITS NOT ONLY SYMBOLIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONS BUT ALSO THE VALUE OF THE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ESTABLISHED A FOUNDATION TO EXPAND UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN AMONG UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. THROUGH THE FOUNDATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN MADE A GENEROUS GIFT TO TEN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE STUDY OF JAPANESE HISTORY AND CULTURE. AND THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ANNOUNCED THE GIFT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL THEATER TO THE KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, AS A BICENTENNIAL PRESENT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

NOW IT IS OUR TURN. THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA GENUINELY DESIRE TO BUILD CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN. THIS REQUIRES THAT WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S ARTS, SOCIETY AND HISTORY MORE WIDELY AND MORE DEEPLY.

IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO SIGN INTO LAW AN ACT WHICH WILL

EFFECTIVELY FURTHER THIS IMPORTANT GOAL. THROUGH THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR JACOB JAVITS AND CONGRESSMAN WAYNE HAYS AND MANY OTHERS IN BOTH HOUSES, THE JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP ACT IS NOW THE LAW OF THE LAND.

THE ACT PROVIDES FOR THE CREATION OF A JAPAN-UNITED STATES FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER A PROGRAM OF EXPANDED SCHOLARLY, CULTURAL, AND ARTISTIC VENTURES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE COMMISSION WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES PANEL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

ON UNITED STATES-JAPAN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES; TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER; AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE.

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BECAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS SERVING IN ANY OTHER OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WILL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY, AS NON-VOTING MEMBERS.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE SUPPORT MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE ACT FOR EXPANDED CULTURAL RELATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE IMPORTANTLY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN.  
(END OF STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT) INGERSOLL

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